May 17, MONDAY

Institute of Russian Literature, RAS
Naberezhnaya Makarova, 4
Great conference hall

9.00 Registration and coffee

10.00 Opening of the conference

10.30–11.20 Session I: Classifying Beliefs

Mehri Bagheri (Iran) A RECURRING THEME IN IRANIAN EPIC TRADITION
Peter Knecht (Japan) MU-LIEN’S JAPANESE TRANSFORMATION

Coffee break

11.35–12.25 Session I: Classifying Beliefs (continued)

Merili Metsvahi (Estonia) ESTONIAN WEREWOLF LEGENDS IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN WEREWOLF TRADITION
Tiina Vähi (Estonia / Finland) THE WEREWOLF IN ESTONIAN FOLKLORE IN LIGHT OF ARCHAIC LAW AND MORALITY

12.30–14.30 Lunch

14.30–16.45 Session II: Concepts of Belief

Alexander Lvov (Russia) THE CONCEPT OF MIRACLE: POPULAR PRACTICE AND SCHOLARLY IMAGINATION
Ulf Palmenfelt (Sweden) BELIEF ELEMENTS IN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE NARRATIVES
Irma-Riitta Järvinen (Finland) HOW DO DREAM NARRATIVES AND BELIEF LEGENDS RELATE?

Coffee break

17.00–17.50 Session II: Concepts of Belief (continued)

Ülo Valk (Estonia) TEMPLE LEGENDS AND THEIR DESTINATIONS: ASPECTS OF PLACE-LORE IN ASSAM
Stanislav Rosovetskiy (Ukraine) PARTICULAR FORMS OF EAST-SLAVIC CHRISTIAN LEGENDS

Coffee break

18.00–19.00 Meeting of the ISFNR Belief Narrative Network

19.45 Dinner

May 18, TUESDAY

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9.00 Coffee

9.30–10.45 Session III: Figures of Belief

Alexander Panchenko (Russia) LA VIOLENCE ET LE SACRÉ IN A RUSSIAN VILLAGE: THE AQUEDÁ (GENESIS 22), AT 2401, AND THE LEGEND OF ST. IOANN AND IAKOV OF MENIUSHKA
Margaret Lyngdoh (India) “VENGEANCE IS MINE”: A STUDY OF THE DEMON-DEITY OF THE KHASIS
Zochios Stamatios (France) THE HAG, THE CORN SPIRIT AND THE NIGHTMARE: A COMPLICATED AFFINITY

Coffee break

11.00–12.45 Session III: Figures of Belief (continued)

Zoja Karanovic (Serbia) PRINCE MARKO AS A CULTURAL HERO AND A DEMIURGE IN BELIEF TALES ON AGRICULTURAL TOPICS
Sergey Shtrykov (Russia) DIFFERENT FACES OF A “FOLK SAINT”: THE CASE OF KSENIA THE BLESSED OF ST PETERSBURG
Kailash Pattanaik, Giribala Mohanty (India) THE INVISIBLE NEIGHBORS: A QUEST INTO THE WORLD OF GHOSTS THROUGH ORAL NARRATIVES

12.45–14.30 Lunch

14.30–16.45 Session IV: Histories of Belief
Terry Gunnell (Iceland) LEGENDS OF MAGICAL SENDINGAR SPIRITS IN ICELAND AND CONCEPTS OF ILLNESS IN EARLIER TIMES
Mare Kalda (Estonia) THE TOUCH OF THE SUPERNATURAL. ON TWO SIMILAR EXPERIENCES FROM DIFFERENT TIMES
Adriana Nogueira (Portugal) THE DEADLY SEWING NEEDLES: FROM BELIEFS TO BELIEF NARRATIVES

Coffee break

17.00–17.50 Session V: Mediating Beliefs

Kristel Kivari (Estonia) SICKENING AND HEALING THROUGH THE CONTACT WITH NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
Anders Gustavsson (Norway) EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH AND NARRATIVES ABOUT DECEASED PERSONS AND PETS AS EXPRESSED ON THE INTERNET

19.00 Dinner

May 19, WEDNESDAY

European University at St. Petersburg
Gagarinkaia, 3
White conference hall

9.30 Coffee

10.00–11.45 Session VI: Practice and Representation of Belief

Isidore Okpewho (USA) LEGEND AND BELIEF
Astrid Tuisk (Estonia) “A KIRGHIZ WILL COME…”: SIBERIAN ESTONIANS ABOUT NEIGHBORING TURKIC PEOPLES
Tünde Komaromi (Romania) WITCHCRAFT AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN POST SOCIALIST ROMANIA

Coffee break

12.00–12.50 Session VI: Practice and Representation of Belief (continued)

Éva Pócs (Hungary) “TÁLTOS” BELIEFS AND NARRATIVES – HUNGARY’S PAGAN HERITAGE?
Ekaterina Melnikova (Russia) FOR THE SAKE OF “BELIEF”: CHOOSING THE “CHURCH” IN THE 1990S

13.00–14.30 Lunch

14.30–15.20 Session VI: Practice and Representation of Belief (continued)

Svetoslava Toncheva (Bulgaria) SPIRITUALITY IN ACTION – SOCIAL AND EVERYDAY PRACTICES IN TWO RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES (THE TEACHINGS OF PETAR DUNOV AND ZOR ALEF)
Jeanne Kormina (Russia) PRODUCTION OF SANCTITY IN CONTEMPORARY HAGIOGRAPHY

Coffee break

15.45–17.25 Session VII: Belief, Disbelief and Competing Narratives

Eda Kalmre (Estonia) ON THE ROLE OF HUMOUR IN THE DYNAMICS OF BELIEF LEGENDS
Georgiy Levinton (Russia) BELIEF / DISBELIEF AND THE MODE OF A NARRATIVE (ON NON-INDICATIVE MOTIVES)
Lina Bugiene (Lithuania) CATEGORIES OF BELIEF AND DISBELIEF IN FOLK NARRATIVES ABOUT CHARMERS IN EASTERN LITHUANIA
Ergo-Hart Västrik (Estonia) BELIEF AND DISBELIEF IN NARRATIVES ABOUT SETO PEKO CULT

Coffee break

17.35–18.30 Closing discussion; presentation of the Center for Anthropology of Religion (European University at St. Petersburg)

19.00 Dinner